

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 66, 68, 70 and 76 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and add new Claims 77 and 78 shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 76. (Cancelled)

77. (New) A center server apparatus for executing a print instruction based on a print order from a client computer to a print server apparatus installed in a print shop, comprising:

first storing means for storing a first table associating print shops with a group;

second storing means for storing a second table associating said group with a service;

third storing means for storing a third table associating said service with a template;

fourth storing means for storing a fourth table associating said template with an item;

fifth storing means for storing a fifth table associating said item with a price;

updating means for updating the fifth table stored by the fifth storing means if said price is changed;

receiving means for receiving said print order from the client computer via a network, wherein said print order includes a designation of a print shop and a service;

acquisition means for acquiring a price for the print order by referring to said first to fifth tables on the basis of the designation of the print shop and the service included in said print order;

calculation means for calculating print charges on the basis of said acquired price; and

notification means for notifying the calculated print charges to the client computer.

78. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 77, further comprising:

first updating means for updating the first table if a print shop is changed;

second updating means for updating the second table if said service is changed;

third updating means for updating the third table if said template is changed; and

fourth updating means for updating the fourth table if said item is changed.